

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the disclosure as follows:

According to another aspect of the present invention there is provided an air gap spacer for providing spacing between an outer wall surface of a building under construction and an exterior cladding material, the air gap spacer comprising: ~~an~~ an apertured a planar surface for attachment to a surface of the exterior cladding material to maintain said cladding material in spaced relationship to the outer wall surface having a plurality of cutouts; and a plurality of mutually spaced protrusions of substantially uniform height depending from one side of said ~~apertured planar~~ surface, the apices of at least some of said protrusions forming a protrusion plane, the protrusion plane ~~being capable of attachment~~ for abutment to the outer wall surface of the building; whereby, when the spacer is in place, liquid and air may pass through channels formed among the protrusions to facilitate air circulation and liquid drainage.

Please amend line 20 on page 7 to line 13 on page 18 as follows:

The protrusions advantageously depend from the ~~apertured~~ planar surface at least approximately perpendicularly and may be disposed equidistantly over the planar surface of grouped or in concentrated areas thereof. The protrusions may be all alike, terminating to form the protrusion plane. The protrusion plane is

preferably at least substantially parallel to the ~~apertured plane~~ planar surface. The ~~apertured planar~~ surface may comprise cutout areas or aperture surface areas and matter surface area of similar magnitudes and the apertured surface may comprise greater aperture surface areas than matter surface areas. The cutouts or the apertures of the ~~apertured planar~~ surface may be of a repeating pattern over parts of or at least substantially the entire spacer. The protrusions may be are of a repeating pattern over parts of or at least substantially the entire surface of the spacer. The cutouts or the apertures may be of at last the following shapes: diamond, circular, square, rectangular, oval and quadrilateral. The protrusions may be of at least the following shapes: pyramidal, flat topped pyramidal, conical flat topped conical, rectangular based pyramid, cuboid and rectangular block. The spacer may be made by at least one of: injection moulding, pouring moulding, extrusion or stamping.

Please insert new paragraph following line 13 on page 8 as follows:

According to another aspect of the present invention there is provided an air gap space for providing spacing between an outer wall surface of a building under construction and an exterior cladding material, the air gap spacer comprising: a lattice-shaped planar surface having a plurality of cutouts; and a plurality of mutually spaced protrusions of substantially uniform height depending from one

side of said lattice-shaped planar surface, the apices of at least some of said protrusions forming a protrusion plane, the protrusion plane for abutment to the outer wall surface of the building; whereby, when the spacer is in place, liquid and air may pass through channels formed among the protrusions to facilitate air circulation and liquid drainage.